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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the required fee of \$200, for a small entity, to extend the period for response two months, to and including July 3, 2002. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507.

## Remarks

In the Office Action mailed April 3, 2002, the claims were divided into three groups, Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to mutagenic oligonucleotides; Group II, claims 6-14, drawn to methods of mutagenesis; and Group III, claims 15-19, drawn to methods of making mutagenic oligonucleotides.

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